Policy 2005, the policy aims at an alround growth of the Indian Steel Sector, irrespective of the production capacity of individual steel units.

(c) Steel being a deregulated sector, the various aspects of Ultra Mega Steel Project needs to be examined within the existing policy and legal frameworks. A decision in this regard will be taken after obtaining the views of the different stakeholders.

Development of Delhi-Mumbai industrial corridor

*325. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal from the State Government of Gujarat regarding rail development for various infrastructure linkages for overall development of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) along with the proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) of the Railways; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB), a Government of Gujarat entity, had forwarded a proposal suggesting various infrastructure linkages including rail connectivity for DMIC project in the State of Gujarat.

The proposal has been forwarded to DMIC Development Corporation (DMICDC), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPY) set up under Ministry of Commerce and Industry for taking up further study and to integrate this with their master plan.

Loan recovery by Co-operative banks

*329. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total loan granted by Cooperative Banks during 2008 for farming and other allied activities;

(b) whether loan recoveries are being made according to mutually agreed time schedules;

(c) the outstanding recovery amount till 31st of December, 2008, State-wise, and the percentage of non-recovered loans; and

(d) the methods being adopted by Co-operative Banks when persistently the loans are repaid by rural folk forming bulk of farming community?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) As reported by National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD), the total loan granted by cooperative banks for farming and other allied activities during 2007-08 was Rs.48258.19 crore.